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REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the non-final Official Action mailed May 18, 2005 which imposed a Restriction Requirement in the present application. Accordingly, Applicant makes the following election and requests that examination of the elected claims on their merits be promptly conducted in light of the following remarks.

In the outstanding Office Action, the Office alleges that the present application contains claims drawn to four independent and patentably distinct inventions. The claims are grouped as follows:

- Claim Group 1: Claims 1-17;
- Claim Group 2: Claims 18-21, 24-27, 30 and 31;
- Claim Group 3: Claims 22, 23 and 29; and
- Claim Group 4: Claim 28.

In response, Applicant elects Claim Group 2, claims 18-21, 24-27, 30 and 31 for immediate examination. All other original claims are labeled as "withdrawn" herein.

Applicant does not disclaim the subject matter of any withdrawn claim and reserves the right to file any number of continuation or divisional applications to the withdrawn claims or to any other subject matter described in the present application.

An examination of claims 18-21, 24-27, 30 and 31 on their merits is now respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any comments or suggestions which could place this application in even better form, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

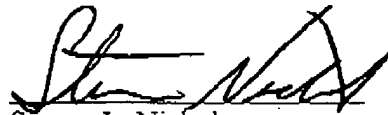
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Respectfully submitted,

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